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Brater Announces Funding Approved for U of M and WCC Projects

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LANSING—Sen. Liz Brater (D-Ann Arbor) announced this week that funding for classroom and other campus facility upgrades at Washtenaw Community College the University of Michigan were approved by the state Senate.

"These projects are essential to the missions of both of these schools. The upgrades that will result from these projects will prepare the schools for years of growth," said Brater.

Washtenaw Community College received authorization to proceed with renovation the school's technical and industrial building into useable classroom space. The building had been designed for industrial programs which have become obsolete.

"Ensuring the availability of inexpensive, accessible education is vital to our state's economy," said Brater. "Needs are changing, and it is important that our schools have the ability to change with the times."

The University of Michigan received approval for a host of projects which include:

- Real Estate Purchase in the North Ingalls area for the Hospital development
- Renovation of Canton Health Center Infusion Center and CT Services
- Relocation of the Family Medical Center
- Replacement of a laboratory equipment in Med Sci I and the Cancer and Geriatrics Center
- Renovation of Mosher-Jordan Resident Hall

"Research and care at the University of Michigan hospital leads the nation and fuels our local economy," said Brater. "Maintaining that status requires careful investment in top-of-the-line equipment."

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State Senator Brater represents Senate District 18 which includes the cities of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Chelsea, the Villages of Barton Hills and Dexter, and the following townships: Ann Arbor, Augusta, Dexter, Freedom, Lima, Lyndon, Northfield, Salem, Scio, Sharon, Superior, Sylvan, Webster and Ypsilanti. She is the minority vice chair of the natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee and the Agriculture, Forestry, and Tourism Committee.